

AN ADDITION TO THE BIRDS OF MIDDLE
SOUTHERN OHIO.BONAPARTE GULL (*Larus philadelphia*).

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On December 4, 1902, I received in the flesh a ♂ in first winter plumage of Bonaparte Gull (*Larus philadelphia*), which had been winged on November 29, and died December 1, at Waverly, Ohio. It was shot along the canal (Potsmouth—Lake Erie). The bird was in fine condition and very fat. It measured: extent 82 ctm., wing 26.4 ctm., bill 27 mm., tail 10.3 ctm., length without bill 33 ctm., tarsus 35mm. I had always considered Bonaparte Gull a migrant in Middle Southern Ohio, but this is the first authentic record for that region and an addition to my list.

A NEW YEAR HORIZON FOR ALL.

The editor is anxious to cross swords with every reader of this notice. It has been his habit to spend some time on the first day of each year studying the birds for the purpose of getting his note-book started when it should be. He proposes to continue this practice the coming year, and earnestly hopes that many others will do the same. He will offer the following inducement to any and all to begin bird study on that day: To any reader of this notice north of the 39th parallel, who secures a bona fide list of species of live wild birds (not including English Sparrows, pigeons, or other semi-domesticated species), actually seen between 6 a. m. and 6 p. m. on January 1, 1903, larger than he secures in Lorain county, Ohio, on the same day, he will give a year's subscription to this BULLETIN. The only condition being that the list must be mailed to the editor not later than January 3, 1903, and that each species recorded must be a free wild bird. The lists will be published in the BULLETIN and will be of interest and value to every reader.